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LETTER ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

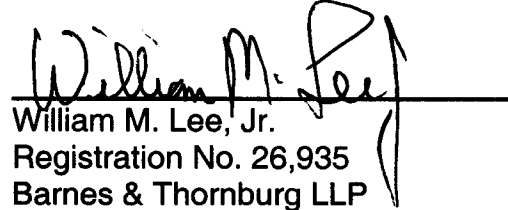
A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith. Also submitted herewith is the necessary Petition for Extension of Time due to the fact that the examiner took so long to reach the response that was filed on December 8, 2006.

The declaration can now be considered and is timely, further action by the examiner is awaited since, it is submitted, the declaration clearly supports the application and the patentability of the subject matter thereof.

Further action by the examiner is therefore awaited.

February 9, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Lee, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looped "L" and a prominent "Jr." at the end.

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